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A Kansas soldier, by way of illustrating the civilizing influences that are at work in Manila, says that when the city surrendered to the Americans there was not a saloon on the main street of the city, but that five months later he counted 432.

The population of cities of Kansas having over 1000 inhabitants is given. There are 109 cities, and Dodge City is the 55th, with a population of 1061, a gain of 39. Larned is 65th with 1083 population, a gain of 150. Garden City is 77th, with a population of 1500, a gain of 79. The State has largely increased in population.

Commissioner Lilly thinks the bounty on coyote scalps will be detrimental rather than beneficial to the people, and contends that aside from stealing a few chickens occasionally they do more good than harm, as they catch jack rabbits, prairie dogs, ground squirrels and other animals which are a constant menace to the farmer.—Cimarron Jacksonian.

The Globe man has been in Meade county for more than 14 years and never before has he seen such a growth of grass on these broad prairies. In many places the grass is a foot or more in height and would be worth the cutting as from half to a ton could be cut from a single acre. This condition seldom exists in this part of Kansas.—Meade Globe.

The present corn crop averages better all our past Kansas history. The estimate this year is over nine million acres. Its general condition is a bumper against all of the past. The yield will be near 400 million bushels—a yield greater by nearly 100 million bushels than ever before in the history of the State. No other State (or the Philippines) will this year grow so much corn.—Kansas, the banner State always.—Great Bend Register.

Kansas is just commencing to get the benefit of the law enacted by the last legislature providing for the rental of school lands in the State. It is estimated that the revenue derived from the rental of these lands will amount to between \$15,000 and \$30,000 annually. The law was introduced by Representative George Wiley of Meade county. It contains but one flaw and that is the provision which stipulates that the money received shall be paid into the permanent school fund, instead of the annual fund, as the constitution provides.

The county commissioners at their July meeting paid out over \$600 in bounties for coyote scalps at \$1 per head. This is at the rate of 3400 coyotes a year, killed in this county. Possibly these coyotes were all killed in Edwards county but we doubt it. Past experience has shown that it is not profitable to offer a bounty for coyote scalps unless the neighboring counties do the same. The opportunity for fraud and the temptation is too strong. It is altogether improbable that 2400 coyotes a year can be killed in as small a county as this. If such a number exist here and show no sign of diminution the bounty could well be reduced to 50 cents a head or the commissioners could better afford to hire a few hunters by the month. We certainly cannot afford to stand such a drain as this for any length of time. We believe that at the rate they are coming in that 50 cents a head is plenty for a bounty.—Kinsey Mercury.

The Pilgrimage of the Cryptic Names to Colorado via the Santa Fe Route.

In August will afford an excellent opportunity for every one who has not yet taken his vacation, or who may desire another outing, to do so at minimum expense. The Santa Fe will sell tickets to Denver and return for \$15.25, to Pueblo for \$11.50, and to Colorado Springs for \$13 on August 5, 6 and 7. Tickets will be limited to August 31st. The Santa Fe will run a special train of Pullmans, which will leave Kansas City at 11:30 a. m., August 6th. Side trips to points of interest have been arranged, and favorable rates will be made to those who take this train. Fred Gardner, Agent, Dodge City, will be glad to furnish copy of itinerary, sell tickets, reserve berths, and supply desired information.

TAX SALE NOTICE.

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE, Dodge City, Kansas, July 10, 1899.

The following list of real estate property situated in Ford County, Kansas, on which the taxes or part of taxes for the year 1898 have remained unpaid is subject to sale as provided by law, and so much of each tract of land or of town lots described in said list, as may be necessary for that purpose, will, on the first Tuesday in September next, and the next succeeding days, be sold by me at the public auction, at my office in the court house, Dodge City, Kansas, for the taxes and charges due thereon for the year 1898.

Table listing property owners and amounts due for taxes in Ford County, Kansas. Columns include owner names, addresses, and tax amounts. Owners listed include Wheatland Township, School District 2, and various individuals like Wm. A. Smith, J. B. Jones, etc.

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Webster calls it gamma grass. Quit calling it "grammer," "gramma" or any other name except the right name. It is plain gamma. Webster is good authority.—Meade Globe. It is all gamma.